

## Message Text

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CODEL WHALEN

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OREP (WHALEN, CHARLES W.)  
SUBJ: CODEL WHALEN

REF: STATE 062522

1. SUMMARY: CONGRESSMAN WHALEN'S VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT WAS UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. GIRM OFFICIALS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TOO SKE HIM FEEL WELCOME. HE HAD CANDID, NO HOLDS BARRED SESSIONS WITH HIGHEST LEVEL OFFICIALDOM. HE WAS FRIUT-PAGE NEWS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS. THE FACT THAT HIS DEPARTURE WAS DELAYED OSLVE HOURS BECAUSE OF AIRCARFT PROBLEMS AND THAT AS HEWAS PIVING HSIHAS TREATED TO ONE OF NOUAKCHOTT'S MORE SPECTACULAR SAND STORMS MERELY SERVED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A MORE BALANCED PICTURE OF MAURITANIA. END SUMMARY

2. DURING WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE A 48-HOUR STAY (OF WHICH ONLY 35AHOURS WERE SCHEDULED) IN NOUAKCHOTT, CONGRESSMAN WHALEN HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS OF SIXTY TO NINETY MCKTES EACH WITH (A) PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH, (B) FONMIN NOUKNASS, (C) PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASEMBLY SALL, (D) MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINES BARO, (E) MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ABDALLAHI AND (F) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SNIM (STATE OWNED MINING CORPORATION) AMAR. ULKS WERE UNUSUALLY CANDID. I HAD NEVER SEENPRESIDENT OULD DADDAH SO AT EASCWITH AN AMERICAN BOTH DURING THE TETE A TETE IN

HIS OFFICE AND AT DINNER THA NIGHT.

3. SUBSTANCE OF TALKS TOME REPORTED SEPTTEL.

4. RECPTION I HELD IN HIS HONOR WAS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL ATTENDED. SIX MINISTERS (VIRTUALLY ALL WHO WERE IN TOWN)ACUTALLY SHOWED UP AND STAYED TO THE ENS.

5. VISIT WAS FEATUREE IN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DAILY CHAAB (BOTH FRENCH AND ARABIC) AND GOT BROAD RADIO COVERAGE.

6. CONGRESSMAN WHALEN'S IN DEPTH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF COMPLEX MATTERSRELATED TO DEVELOPMENT, DROUGHT AND WESTERN SAHARA CONFLICT, COUPLED WITH HIS RELAXED AND FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE IMPRESSED GIRM OFFICIALS WHO APPRECIATED HIS CANDOR AND GENUINE INTEREST IN THEIR PROBLEMS. STAFFER THOMAS POPOVICH DESERVES SPECIAL CREDIT FOR HIS VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION. HE PARTICIPATED IN ALL SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WHERE HIS EXCELLENT FRENCH WAS PUT TO GOOD USE.

6. NOPER DIEM DISBURSED AND NO RPT NO COSTS INCURRED AGAINST AUTHORIZATION COMAGFED PARA 11 REFTTEL.

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